

Pregame Conference

(2-umpire system)



- 1) Plate coverage
 - Plate Umpire (PU) has all batted balls, catch/no-catch, fair/foul, except...
 - Base Umpire (BU), with no runner on base, will chase fly balls to right-center and to right field. PU will follow runner to all bases.
 - BU will immediately call “dead ball” on batter hit by batted ball in or near batter’s box.
 - Going for help to BU on checked swing.
 - BU help on possible dropped third strike.
- 2) Coverage of tag plays between home and 1st base.
- 3) Infield fly situations – signaling the situation and making the call.
- 4) Illegal pitch calls.
 - PU concentrates on hands and windup.
 - BU concentrates on footwork (touching plate, leaping, etc...).
- 5) Runner leaving early (BU has primary responsibility).
- 6) Rundown mechanics.
- 7) Missed base appeals.
 - BU generally covers 1B and 2B.
 - PU generally covers 3B and home.
- 8) Asking for help on pulled foot on force plays.
- 9) Interference calls (equal responsibility, both umpires)
- 10) Asking for help on pitch counts (when PU is uncertain of the count).
- 11) 3-running lane calls (generally PU).
- 12) Responsibility for out of play lines and fences (will vary with field).
- 13) Tag-up responsibilities
 - With single runner on 1b, 2B, 3B.
 - With multiple runners.
 - With lone runner on 3B and fly ball to right field.
- 14) Mechanics and positioning between innings.
- 15) 3B coverage with bunt play and runner starting at 1B.